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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 10177-1



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Peter Grant Bellairs et al.

Application No.: 10/782,760

Filed: February 23, 2004

For: Explosive Composition

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) Group Art Unit: 1755  
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) Examiner: Aileen Baker Felton  
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) Confirmation No.: 7644

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 21, 2006, applicants elect Group I and claims 1-12 and 14 for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the requirement for an election of species to which the claims will have to be restricted in the event a generic claim is not found to be allowable, applicants elect as the fuel component, mineral oil (claim 9); as the density controlling component, de-hulled rice hulls (claim 2); and as the oxidizer component, an ammonium nitrate (AN) product (claim 7).

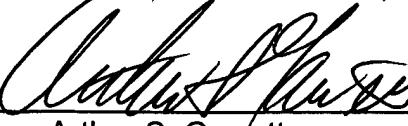
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claim 13.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 20, 2006

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